



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Barbara Bigby  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **MAY 6, 2009**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montañño called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montañño led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present**

Chair Eleanor R. Montañño  
Frank Bacio  
Barbara Bigby  
John A. Hammargren  
Carl E. Moore

##### **Excused Absence**

Rita Hall

##### **Staff**

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff

#### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2009, MEETING MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Vice-Chair Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren, and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 29, 2009, were approved with the following changes:

On page 3, under "Facility/Group Home Inspection Reports From April 22, 2009 to April 28, 2009", "Dangerfield Group Home III" change "*no one was home*" to "*found to be in satisfactory condition*".

On page 3, under "Facility/Group Home Inspection Reports From April 22, 2009 to April 28, 2009", "Long Beach Courthouse" change "*satisfactory condition*" to "*in need of improvement*".

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montañó reported on one (1) news article and one (1) letter:

- "Learning, Sharing, Playing In The Toy Loan Program", Los Angeles Times, May 4, 2009, regarding the Los Angeles County's Department of Public Social Services free Toy Loan Program, founded during the Great Depression, is once again seeing a surge in popularity with a 30% increase in borrowers compared with last year.
- A letter from Mr. Gene Brown, Executive Director, Sand Hill Group Home, was received notifying the Commission that the Sand Hill Group Home, Inc. will be temporally closed as of May 10, 2009 for approximately 60 days due to major repairs that are necessary to keep the home in livable condition.

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,275.93.

### **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION INSPECTION FORMS**

After discussion the Commission will be making revisions to the inspection forms.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT**

An invitation was received from the Los Angeles County Commission for Women to the "5<sup>th</sup> District Community Meeting, A Town Hall Gathering – "Get Involved" to be held on May 9, 2009 at the Mental Health America of Los Angeles, in Lancaster, CA.

An invitation was received from the Quality and Productivity Commission to the "Commissioner's Leadership Conference" event to be held on May 21, 2009 at The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

An invitation was received from the Probation Department to the "20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Operation Graduation" event to be held on June 6, 2009 at The University of California, Bovard Auditorium.

**FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM APRIL 29, 2009, TO  
MAY 5, 2009**

**Los Angeles Youth Network (Beachwood) – 35, #1 – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby**

The facility was visited on April 30, 2009, and found to be satisfactory.

**Area of Concerns:** Two (2) bathrooms need new floors; drain needs to fix in the other bathroom.

**Drice Group Home – 16, #1– Commissioners Hall and Moore**

The facility was visited on April 30, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Unable to inspect the smoke detectors because home had high ceilings.

**HV Group Home – 31, #1 – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren**

The facility was visited on May 4, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Orange County Children's Foundation (Harbor) – Commissioners Montaña and Hammargren**

The facility was visited on May 5, 2009, and no one was home.

**Central Arraignment Branch – Commissioners Bacio and Moore**

The facility was visited on May 5, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Radios malfunction some times.

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Davis*  
Commission Services Division